

tion plans for the land must be approved before the mining operation can begin. Active mines are monitored for compliance with the law and agreement with the approved plans.

Abandoned Mines: Recent legislation makes possible the restoration of abandoned mines, which for decades have presented serious environmental problems. Money collected from a surcharge on mined coal is used to repair the environmental damage caused by abandoned mines. In addition, abandoned mines are reclaimed in conjunction with the Active Mining Program.

The Maryland Policy Office implements the State Energy Conservation Plan, funded under the National Energy Policy and Conservation Act. A State Energy Conservation Board was formed to assist in this effort. The Office sponsors a variety of training programs aimed at energy consumers in the residential, commercial, industrial, transportation, and government areas. It implements the federal Institutional Building Grants Program, and the Energy Extension Service is the lead agency for the Residential Conservation Service.

The Energy Office is responsible for fuel allocations and contingency planning for energy supply emergencies.

LAND RECLAMATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dr. Kenneth N. Weaver, Director, Maryland Geological Survey

Department of Natural Resources members: Robert V. Creter, Ed Golden, Stephen Layton, Paul Mateer.

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Appointed members: James M. Coffroth, 1981; George Stanya, 1981; Hugh B. Trimble, *Garrett County*, 1981; Roger W. Bray, *Garrett County*, 1982; Lois M. Crossland, *Allegany County*, 1982; June Nader, *Allegany County*, 1982.

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The Land Reclamation Committee, originally established by Chapter 144, Acts of 1967, had its functions expanded by Chapter 414, Acts of 1969, and by Chapter 6, Acts of the Special Session of 1973. The Committee consists of eleven members. The Director of the Maryland Geological Survey serves as chairperson. The remaining members include the chairpersons of the Soil Conservation District Supervisors of Garrett and Allegany counties or their representatives, two members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for three-year terms to represent the mining industry, and four additional members of the Department of Natural Resources appointed by the Secretary. Two members were added by Chapter 672, Acts of 1974. One member resides in Allegany County. Neither of these members may have any interest in mining operations.

The Land Reclamation Committee studies, recommends, and approves procedures for reclamation, conservation, and revegetation of areas affected by open-pit mining within the State. The Committee also reviews all mining and reclamation plans, progress reports, and final reports. The Committee is further to establish plans and methods of procedure as well as practical guidelines for the prompt and adequate reclamation, conservation, and revegetation of all lands disturbed by open-pit mining of bituminous coal within the State (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 7-205, 7-501 through 7-505, 7-509, 7-510, 7-515).

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The Maryland Environmental Service (MES) was created by Chapter 240, Acts of 1970, as a public corporation to help local government and industry eliminate pollution resulting from the disposal of liquid and solid wastes. On July 1, 1972, the Service was authorized to provide water supply and related facilities. The Hazardous Waste Siting Program Act of 1980 created an independent board with the power to approve the location of hazardous waste disposal facilities and requires the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) to provide staffing for the Board and to carry out certain other related activities.